

Area XV Regional Telecommunications Council Meeting Minutes

**January 29, 2014
4:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Linda Abel, Christine Howard, Darlas Shockley, Jon Proenneke, Don Yoho, Ruth Reynolds, and Himar Hernandez.

ABSENT: Ron Oswalt, Sherry Langfritz, and Jennifer Sterling

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the July 10, 2013 meeting were noted and approved.

RTC CHAIR REPORT: Linda reported that Ruth Reynolds has returned as the RTC 15 scheduler and Christine Howard as the Telecommunications Assistant. Linda named Himar Hernandez as Vice Chair, which he accepted. Christine Howard was named Secretary, which she accepted.

ETC Meeting on October 25th

ICN state level group in charge of funding for RTC's has changed the reporting agency. ICN defer funding to Iowa Department of Education. The sale of the ICN was not accepted by the governor due to low bid. The RTC part is to help all educators in area 15 in using, scheduling, and up keep on equipment for ICN operations.

TECHNICAL REPORT: Don Yoho continues to work as Region XV's tech person. He reported working on 323 debugging all equipment. He believes yesterday they found a fix for classrooms not painting properly and should have this fixed within the week. He spent Christmas installing new equipment at Van Buren County Center. We still maintain parts at parts depot however most were all transferred to John Case so they would be assessable for all 4 techs in state. This means smaller inventory which works well due to not enough storage space.

SCHEDULER'S REPORT: Linda shared the audience, number of hours and number of sessions that have occurred from July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. See table below

Audience	Hours	Sessions
PK-8 Students	5.8	7
9-12 Students	7578.48	2055
K-12 Educators/Administration	86.33	49
Postsecondary Students	17722.81	8093
Postsecondary Educators / Admin Audience	821.72	123
Other Adults	240.18	132
Federal Government	51.4	74
State Government	24.75	5
Military		
Telemedicine Personnel		
TOTAL	26531.47	10538

ROUNDTABLE: Himar begun the discussion with a question. “How can the ICN system compete with the internet?” Don answered with the 323 equipment the idea is to get into internet realm with new development have access like a phone call through Voss. The bridge changes will make it faster than before and the next move will be to HI definition.

Ruth had a question next about the ability to transfer the new 323 classroom to the older classrooms. Don said that yes it can be done through the bridges. Many high schools are not updated but due to the bridge older equipment still can talk to 323 equipment.

Ruth had another question about students arriving at locations to find they are locked out of sites and the fix for this problem. The suggestions was to make sure each instructor had the number of the contact person for each site as well as number for Johnston to contact to make sure the site was open.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The next meeting will be July 2014, via ICN. The budget will be submitted along with the year’s progress and for scheduling have a comparison on usage for several years.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:31pm

Christine Howard
RTC